

## CHAPTER 61

## BIDDING ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

## S. F. 248

AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-three (23), Code 1958, to provide for competitive bidding on the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of public improvements.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter twenty-three (23), Code 1958, is hereby  
 2 amended by adding thereto the following new section:  
 3 "Bids Required — Procedure. When the estimated total cost  
 4 of construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any public  
 5 improvement exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the municipi-  
 6 pality shall advertise for bids on the proposed improvement by two  
 7 (2) publications in a newspaper published in the county in which the  
 8 work is to be done, the first of which shall be not less than fifteen  
 9 (15) days prior to the date set for receiving bids, and shall let the  
 10 work to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a sealed proposal;  
 11 provided, however, if in the judgment of the municipality bids re-  
 12 ceived be not acceptable, all bids may be rejected and new bids re-  
 13 quested. All bids must be accompanied, in a separate envelope, by  
 14 a deposit of money or certified check in an amount to be named in  
 15 the advertisement for bids as security that the bidder will enter into  
 16 a contract for the doing of the work. The municipality shall fix said  
 17 bid security in an amount equal to at least five per cent (5%), but  
 18 not more than ten per cent (10%) of the estimated total cost of the  
 19 work. The checks or deposits of money of the unsuccessful bidders  
 20 shall be returned as soon as the successful bidder is determined, and  
 21 the check or deposit of money of the successful bidder shall be re-  
 22 turned upon execution of the contract documents. This section shall  
 23 not apply to the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or re-  
 24 pair of any public improvement when the contracting procedure for  
 25 the doing of the work is provided for in another provision of law."

Approved April 19, 1961.

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## METROPOLITAN AREAS

## S. F. 453

AN ACT relating to planning assistance for cities, towns, counties regional and metropolitan areas.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section one (1) of chapter two hundred eighty (280),  
 2 Acts of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly is hereby amended as  
 3 follows:  
 4 1. By striking from lines four (4), five (5) and six (6) the words  
 5 "and towns that now or hereafter have a population of less than  
 6 twenty-five thousand (25,000) in the solution of their local planning  
 7 problems;" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", towns,